

don't. I believe that the solution is to make term limits mandatory by passing a constitutional amendment that would limit the terms of Members of Congress so that everyone will be subject to the same requirement. I am introducing a proposal to do this, and limit House and Senate Member terms to 12 years.

These bills are the latest proposals of my ongoing efforts to reform Congress. In addition to chairing the Congressional Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus, and so working to take away the unlimited ability of Congress to borrow money, I introduced House Resolution 270 in January, which would cut Congressional pay by 10 percent as well as reduce Congressional office budgets. In September, I introduced House Resolution 2913, which would terminate the pension plan available to members of Congress. All of my reforms are about changing the culture of Washington, D.C. to make government work for the American people.

I urge the passage of these bills.

HONORING ERWIN J. KORCZYNSKI

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Erwin J. Korczynski, a talented pilot and patriot from Chicago, Illinois who died on January 5, 2011 of prostate cancer.

From an early age, Captain Korczynski exhibited the success and commitment to public service that would define his life. Born in 1942 to first generation Polish American parents, he achieved the rank of Life Scout for the Boy Scouts of America, lettered 6 times in Track and Field at Lane Technical High School, and was a member of the famous Chicago Cavalier Drum and Bugle Corps. He also attended Northern Illinois University and entered the priesthood at St. Ambrose Seminary in Davenport, Iowa—a calling that he would later selflessly leave to join the Marine Corps.

Even in his early years, Captain Korczynski showed a passion for aviation. From the age of 15, he and his twin brother Edwin took flying lessons and graduated with their flying licenses at the age of 18. He joined the Marine Attack Squadron, VMA 131 in 1963 during the escalation of the Vietnam War. During the course of the war, he rose to the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1969.

Following his tenure with the Marines, Captain Korczynski flew commercial planes during the golden age of commercial aviation. Impressively, over 25,000 hours of flight time he maintained a spotless record while at Eastern Airlines and several other airlines around the world.

Using his flying talent to again serve our country, Captain Korczynski volunteered from 1990 to 1991 during the Persian Gulf War. As a pilot in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF), he flew civilian aircraft to transport troops and supplies necessary to liberate Kuwait. Captain Korczynski was an honorably discharged Marine and a reservist at the time, but was not activated during the conflict. He volunteered to serve anyway, showing his patriotism and dedication to his country.

In his later years, Captain Korczynski trained and mentored young pilots. Certified

as a commercial airline check airman and flight instructor, he instructed young pilots at the Gulfstream Flight Academy for Gulfstream Airlines based in Miami, Florida. He left an everlasting impression on these young pilots who would later recall these stories of his Marine Corps days, commercial airline career, and world travels as “Erwinisms.”

Our country owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Captain Korczynski for his tireless defense of our country during two major conflicts. In neither case was he obligated to don a uniform. In voluntarily joining the Marines and airlifting 30 years later, he illustrated his commitment to freedom and democracy around the world. Simply put, the United States is a better country because of him. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Captain Korczynski's twin brother, Edwin, wife Henrietta, daughters Elizabeth and Kiersten, sons Ryan and Christian, and granddaughter Emmalyn. He will always be remembered as a great man and a great American.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK TAYLOR

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated, compassionate and effective public servant Frank Taylor, who is retiring after serving the people of Macomb County, Michigan for 33 years, the last 10 as Director of the County's Community Services Agency. Mr. Taylor is a leader in the field of Community Action Agencies and a shining example of everything a public servant should aspire to be.

Mr. Taylor graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1974. The next year he began teaching and coaching at Harper Woods Public Schools and began earning his Master of Arts Degree in Education from Oakland University which he completed in 1980. In 1979, he began his successful tenure with Macomb County, starting at the Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board as a Youth Programs Supervisor. He rose through the ranks becoming Assistant Director in 1982 and holding that position until 1997 when he was promoted to Director. In 2001 he embraced a new challenge, moved departments and became Director of the Macomb County Community Services Agency.

Under Mr. Taylor's leadership the Community Services Agency established highly effective programs and services that addressed that most pertinent needs of county residents. He worked diligently to leverage funds from the Recovery Act, administering over 14 million dollars for vital programs such as Home Weatherization, Food Assistance and Early Head Start. In fact, through creative thinking, he was able to leverage funds and make the vital Early Head Start program permanent one year after its enactment.

In addition, the Senior Nutrition program vastly increased the number of meals offered to homebound senior citizens and the Food Program increased the amount of emergency food distributed. Mr. Taylor effectively identified grant opportunities to provide emergency services to low income individuals in need.

In 2010 Mr. Taylor led a statewide initiative to purchase a multimillion dollar client database within nine months that substantially increased accessibility and efficiency. The initiative included a plan to deliver training to staff and is now being used by every Community Action Agency in the State.

I have witnessed first-hand Mr. Taylor's passion and dedication through the years. He is an outspoken advocate for low-income home energy assistance, as well as the Community Service Block Grant program, which is so important to the delivery of vital services to those in need. Mr. Taylor has always focused like a laser on ensuring that residents of the county receive the highest quality of services in an efficient and compassionate manner. It has been a true pleasure for my staff and I to work with him, and the citizens of Macomb County are grateful for his dedicated service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Frank Taylor, who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of living for working class people in Macomb County for 33 years. I am confident he will continue to play an important role in the community where he is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement. Importantly, he and his wife Rosanne, married 34 years, now get to enjoy spending time with their first grandchild, Olivia, just born on December 6th.

LEGISLATION TO ALLOW CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce legislation today with the following Members: Mr. ELIJAH CUMMINGS, Mr. JOHN DUNCAN, and Mr. PEDRO PIERLUISSI.

Currently, Members of Congress are allowed to nominate a limited number of candidates to the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. However, the smallest of the five federal service academies—the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, USCGA—does not accept congressional nominations.

Instead, the USCGA admits candidates through a process that closely resembles the admissions processes of civilian colleges and universities. Without a congressional nominations process, the applicant pool of candidates to the USCGA is predictably less geographically diverse than at the other military service academies. The inevitable result of a less geographically diverse applicant pool is a less geographically diverse class. The statistics bear this out; in fact, there was not a single appointment from Arkansas, Delaware, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands in the USCGA Class of 2015.

Under my legislation, starting in academic year 2013, each Member of Congress would be allowed to nominate up to three qualified candidates to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. In turn, the Coast Guard would be required to